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KING GEORGE VI DIES, ELIZABETH IS QUEEN

Blood Clot Thought Death Cause; New Ruler Is Flying From Africa

Commonwealth Mourns 'Steady Sort of King'

By the Associated Press

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Weary King George VI died today at 56, ending a 15-year reign that brought England the glory and the drags of victory. His daughter, Elizabeth, 25, immediately became England's sixth Queen.

Tired and spent by disease, George VI died in his sleep at Sandringham, the royal estate where he was born. He had suffered from lung cancer, but apparently a blood clot was the immediate cause of death. Word of the death came from Sandringham at 10:45 a.m. (5:45 a.m. EST).

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Flags of World Fly at Half Staff in Sorrow Over Death of King. Page A-11

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The King's valet, John Macdonald, discovered the body when he took a cup of tea to his bedroom at 7:30 a.m. His wife and the Princess Margaret Rose were notified immediately. Queen Mary, the King's mother, was informed by telephone in London. The Duke of Gloucester, brother of the King, hurried from nearby Hunsington to Sandringham.

"Steady Sort of Monarch."

More than half the world—the bits of England that lie around the globe and the peoples that are akin—lowered flags in respect to the man who became King against his will but developed into just the steady sort of monarch Britons love.

The King's body is expected to lie in state in Westminster Hall, the great hall of the Houses of Parliament, for several days next week. The funeral will take place at Windsor Castle, on a date to be determined after Elizabeth consults palace advisors and the government.

There were tears in many eyes as word of the King's death spread, just before noon, but there was perhaps no more eloquent tribute to be heard than the off-repeated:

"He was a good man."

Weeping Crowds at Palace.

Weeping crowds gathered at Buckingham Palace as word of the King's death spread. Flags were lowered to half staff. The nation's radio went silent except for news bulletins.

Unwillingly, George VI became King by a whim of fate—when Edward VIII (now the Duke of Windsor) abdicated rather than give up the love of the American Mrs. Wallis Simpson.

He lived to see Britain lose much of her empire, and to see his countrymen in wartime valor and peacetime austerity.

Last September, a surgeon removed one of his lungs as cancerous, and the King had looked ill for a long time. But even his immediate family did not know death was so near.

While there was no official announcement, well-informed specialists speculated that the King died of coronary thrombosis—a clot on the heart. This is often the cause when death occurs during sleep. Additionally, the King had a history of circulatory ailments—he was operated on in 1949 to relieve a circulatory disorder of the leg.

Cabinet Session Called.

George's voice sounded husky when he broadcast his annual Christmas message, and some specialists saw that as a possible indication that cancer, having been removed from his left lung, was still present in his right.

George VI was the first British King to visit the United States—he was there with his Queen, Elizabeth, in 1939.

Prime Minister Churchill called an emergency meeting of the cabinet to set in motion the machinery which will lead to Elizabeth's formal taking of the throne. One of her first duties will be to set a period of mourning for the court. When her grandfather, George V, died, court mourning was ordered for nine months.

George V's Queen Mary, at 84 has outlived both her husband and her son.

It was at Sandringham that George V died, January 21, 1936. Then Edward VIII was king for a few months. The dead king at that time was Duke of York. He became king December 11, 1936, when Edward gave up the throne for "the woman I love," the twice-divorced Mrs. Simpson.

Graham Greene to Fly to U.S.

SAIGON, Indo-China, Feb. 6 (P).—British Novelist Graham Greene said today he will fly tomorrow or Saturday to the United States. The American Legation told him authorization for his visa had arrived. Mr. Greene is going to Los Angeles to confer with film producers.



KING GEORGE VI.
Dies in 16th year of reign.



PRINCESS ELIZABETH.
Britain's new Queen.

Truman Lauds King In Condolences for Playing Noble Role

Acheson Expresses Sorrow of Nation; Congress Recesses

BULLETIN

President Truman today sent condolences to the British royal family on the death of King George VI and in a statement praised the late ruler as one who "played his part nobly and with full understanding of the responsibility which was his."

The President also sent messages to the young Queen Elizabeth, to the Queen mother and dowager Queen Mary.

Secretary of State Acheson today expressed "profound sorrow" at the death of King George VI. Mr. Acheson was notified officially of the King's death by British Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks and the envoys in Washington of the seven other British Commonwealth nations.

Text of Mr. Acheson's statement:

"We learned this morning with profound sorrow of the death of His Majesty, King George VI."

"The loss to his subjects is great. The American people, so long bound by close ties of friendship to Great Britain and the Commonwealth, sympathize in their loss."

"Most Perilous Times."

"During his reign Great Britain endured the most perilous and trying times in her history, and throughout her ordeal he worked unceasingly and unsparringly for his country and his people."

"The courage with which he bore his own suffering in the last years was a symbol of his indomitable spirit. It is a characteristic English spirit and the King possessed it in abundance."

"The President has expressed for all of us our deepest sympathy to the royal family and to the British people."

"May God bless the young Queen and grant her the strength and wisdom to fulfill her high responsibilities as her father did before her. May her reign be long and her peoples prosper throughout it."

Senate Pays Tribute.

The Senate and House were officially notified by their respective Majority and Minority Floor Leaders at noon today that King George is dead.

The House adjourned out of respect shortly before 1 p.m. and the Senate was preparing to quit later in the afternoon.

Senator McFarland, Democrat, of Arizona, the Senate Majority Leader, read this statement:

"King George VI will be long remembered in the annals of England and in this history of the free world."

"He was a shining example of a great monarch."

(See OFFICIALS, Page A-14.)

Here's How to Find Sports Data Quickly

Whether it's about archery or air races, horse racing or horseshoe pitching, volleyball ball or weight lifting, you'll find the answer to your every sports question in the new All-Sports Almanac.

It's on sale for \$1 at the business counter in the lobby of The Star Building.

This 256-page illustrated book covers news chronology for 1951, data on competition during 1951 and past records in all sports, a special section on college sports and a "gallery of champions."

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Princess Weeps On Getting News At Kenya Lodge

By the Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya, Feb. 6.—Princess Elizabeth wept when told of her father's death today and made immediate plans to fly back to London.

News of the death which made the Princess a Queen was withheld from Elizabeth until direct confirmation was obtained by telephone from Buckingham Palace.

When she was finally told the news Elizabeth broke down and sobbed.

Only a few hours before news of the King's death arrived, Elizabeth and her husband had returned to the royal lodge from an elephant hunt.

At one time a herd of 46 elephants passed within a few yards of the Princess' observation spot. Hunters closed in to protect her, and the Duke joined them, carrying a heavy elephant gun.

A source at the royal lodge told reporters the news was given to Elizabeth by the Duke, and that she behaved like a queen.

"She broke into tears, but she regained her composure," the informant said.

Accession Council Called To Proclaim New Queen

LONDON, Feb. 6 (P).—Britain's Accession Council was summoned to meet today to proclaim Elizabeth formally Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and all the Dominions beyond the seas.

All members of Parliament will start swearing allegiance to the sovereign some time tonight.

The young Queen's first official act is expected to be to order a period of court mourning for her father.

The fact that the nation is without a constitutional head until the Queen returns home is unique in recent British history.

Accession Proclamation.

The ailing monarch was scheduled to leave on a health cruise to South Africa March 11. Counselors of state which were to be appointed before his departure would have taken over all royal functions except the power to dissolve Parliament and to create peers.

Such counselors are appointed whenever a King becomes incapacitated from carrying out his duties, as during the period following King George's lung operation last year, or when the monarch is out of the country.

The announcement of the new Queen's accession to the throne (See ELIZABETH, Page A-5.)

Russians in Berlin Join West in Flying Flags at Half Staff

By the Associated Press

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—The Russians notified the Western powers today they would like to join in lowering flags to half staff out of respect to King George.

The Soviet Control Commission sent word to the Americans, British and French they were willing to dip the Red flag which flies with the flags of the three Western nations over the defunct Allied Control Authority headquarters.

The ACA building where four-power rule was born and died in 1948, is virtually empty.

A quick-thinking teller today thwarted a bold attempt by a lone bandit to hold up the Second National Bank at 1333 G Street N.W., armed with a bottle of fingernail polish.

The would-be robber stepped up to the teller's cage occupied by Harold L. Gregoire, 28, of Hyattsville, Md., at 11:30 a.m. The bank was crowded with customers.

The man pushed a note through the window. On it was written one word, "Nitro."

Then he shoved a crumpled paper bag at Mr. Gregoire and said, "Fill it up in three minutes."

In the bag, unknown to Mr. Gregoire, was a small bottle of colorless liquid.

The teller walked to the rear toward the vault, but en route he

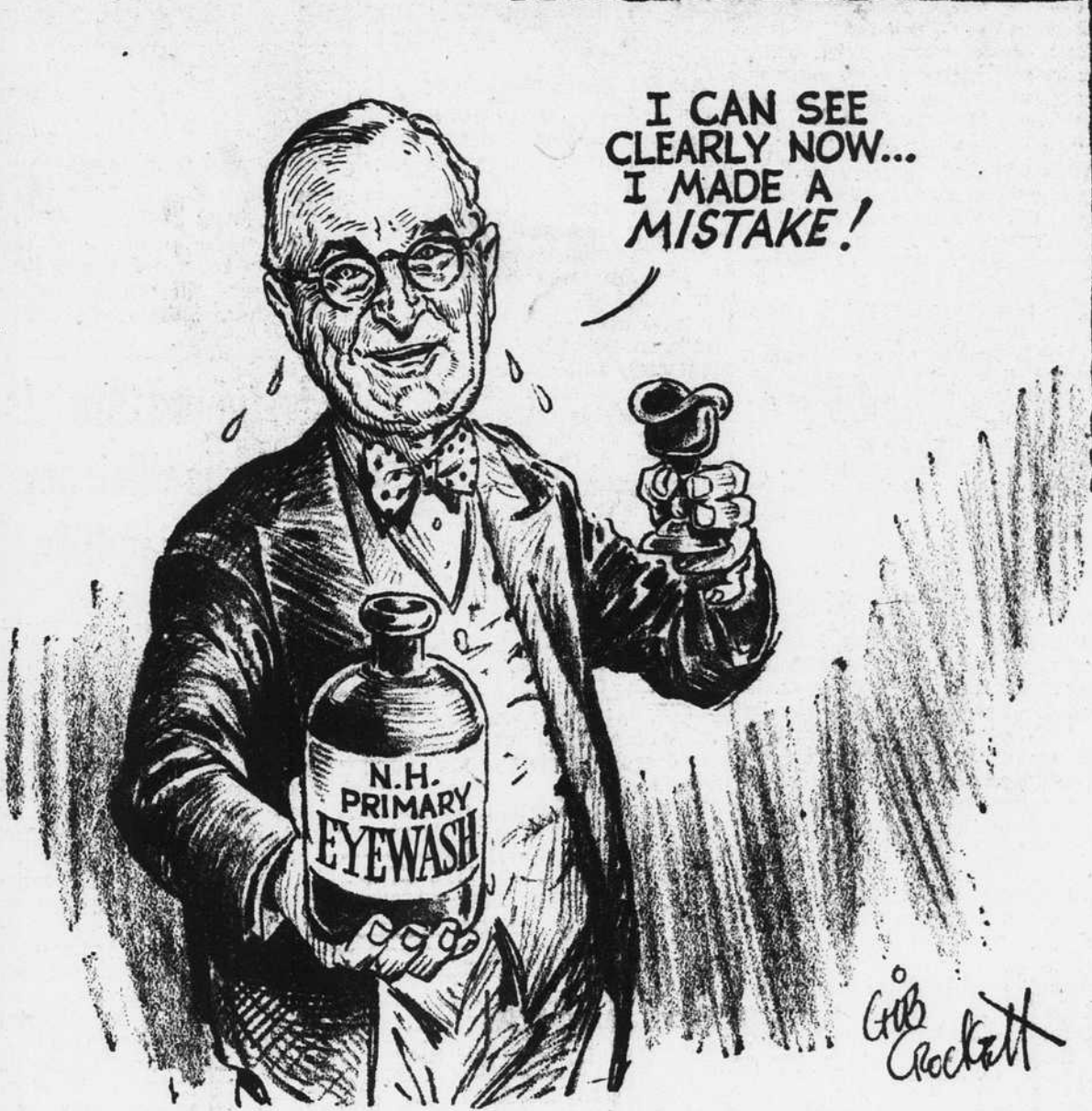
whispered a warning to Herbert P. Souder, another teller. While he returned to his cage, still carrying the bag, Mr. Souder called police.

A moment later, Mr. Gregoire related, the paper bag broke and the bottle fell to the floor and smashed.

Then Police Pts. Jee Gannon and Kenneth McFarlin of the 1st precinct arrived and grabbed the man, still waiting patiently for his bag of money.

Police said the liquid was not nitroglycerin—which would have exploded at the slightest jar—but colorless nail polish.

The bandit was identified as Claude B. Price, 28, colored, who told police he had just finished serving several years in an Illinois prison for robbery.



Masked Pole Tells Probers How Reds Slew 200 at Katyn

Says He Saw Russians Throw His Countrymen Into Huge Burial Pit

By George Beveridge

A former Polish Army officer, wearing a shoulder-length hood over his head, and speaking in his native tongue, swore today he saw Soviet soldiers throw 200 Poles into a huge burial pit in Russia's Katyn Forest in early November, 1939.

The witness—unidentified because he has relatives behind the iron curtain—told a fantastic eyewitness story in a voluntary appearance before a special House committee investigating the mass murder of an estimated 10,000 Polish officers in the forest near Smolensk.

The bodies were discovered in deep trenches in April, 1943, by the Germans, who charged Russians were responsible for the atrocities. The Russians said Nazis committed the slaughter

after they took over the area in 1940.

Today's mystery witness testified (See KATYN, Page A-14.)

House Investigators Recall Revenue Agent In California Probe

Most Irregularities Involved Back-Dating Of Returns, Inquiry Told

By Cecil Holland

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—House tax investigators today probed further into a pattern of personal friendship and political favoritism blamed for scandals in the Revenue Bureau's office here.

The Ways and Means subcommittee, headed by Representative King, Democrat, of California, recalled William Frank, crack special revenue agent from Seattle, to fill in more details of the picture.

Mr. Frank, a 1923 graduate of Georgetown University, was a day-long witness yesterday. He related what he found after being sent here last October to head up an investigation of the San Francisco office which resulted in the indictment of James G. Smyth, the ousted collector, and some of his top assistants.

He testified that most of the irregularities in the office were concerned with back-dating of tax returns, income as well as excise.

After reviewing a number of specific cases—most of which involve (See REVENUE, Page A-14.)

House Unit Approves Compulsory UMT; Vote Set at 27 to 7

Bill Calls for Six-Month Training of All Men; Foes Pledge Defeat

By the Associated Press

The House Armed Services Committee today approved a compulsory universal military training bill.

The vote, taken in closed session, was reported as 27 to 7.

The legislation is due to face a House test this month. It provides for induction into a Security Training Corps for six months of training of all eligible males when they become 18 years of age.

In Reserves 7½ Years.

After serving six months, the trainees would be liable for reserve duty for seven and one-half years.

The proposed law would go into effect when passed by the Senate and the House and approved by the President. However, opponents predicted they will kill it when it reaches the House.

The legislation follows the general outlines of a program submitted by a special commission headed by former Congressman James Wadsworth of New York.

Puts Civilians in Charge.

The training program would be supervised generally by a civilian-dominated commission. Exemptions or deferments from the six months of training would be held to a minimum.

The Pentagon had recommended that trainees automatically serve 18 months in the regular services after their training. Instead, the committee adopted an amendment by Chairman Vinson to require congressional approval for regular service.

Ellis Arnall Reconsiders; Expected to Replace DiSalvo

By the Associated Press

Two top mobilization officials said today that Ellis G. Arnall, former Governor of Georgia, has reconsidered and is expected to accept the directorship of the Office of Price Stabilization.

One official, who asked that his name not be used, told a reporter he understands President Truman probably will nominate Mr. Arnall tomorrow.

Kirkland Raps Prince Georges Jury 'Sellouts'

Evidence Ignored In Racketeer Probes, District Judge Says

By Howard L. Dutkin

Prince Georges County grand juries in the past have sold out to racketeers for the sake of obtaining "a new fire engine for the community," District Judge James R. Kirkland declared today.

The jurist's blistering attack came as he charged the new special District crime grand jury shortly after he had administered the oath to it.

He prefaced his blast at the nearby Maryland county by telling of practices in sparsely-settled rural communities in which, he said, it was not uncommon for the courts to point out to jurors places that might bear investigation.

Puzzled by Practices.

Then he asserted: "This court has often wondered at the ludicrous practices in Prince Georges County where as soon as a grand jury was empaneled, the largest gambling house south of New York would close down."

While he didn't mention the late Jimmy LaFontaine's gambling establishment on Bladensburg road by name, he spoke of the "establishment with the high board fence" and charged the county juries had ignored visual evidence in exchange merely "for getting a new fire engine for the community."

Referring to past Prince Georges grand juries, Judge Kirkland declared:

"Sometimes this court wonders if the dragon seeds of crime were sown back in those other days," to come to fruition here now.

"Shoot Flaming Arrows."

For some strange reason, he declared, "racketeers, like Indian renegades of old, shoot their flaming arrows across the border from nearby areas."

But, he said, present conspiracy statutes and the broad lottery statute make possible successful prosecution of gambling rings whose headquarters may be outside the District.

Turning to the ties between crime and politics, the judge said that while he regretted the absence of suffrage in the District, "we may be fortunate we do not have the unholy alliance of politics and crime."

He stressed the narcotics menace here in telling the jury: "There is no field I can charge you to investigate more fully than the use of drugs."

Emphasizing the peril to the young in such cases, he said, "something entirely new to this court—as new as the modern bobby soxer—is the growth in the use of marijuana," and he told how the user progresses from cocaine, heroin and other dangerous drugs.

The menace of influence peddlers, gamblers, bootleggers and racketeers also was hit hard in the charge.

Lured by the chance at easy money through the war contracts program, confidence men flock here, post a counselor-at-law sign and are ready for 5 per cent business, the jurist declared.

He branded such "bucket shops" as a menace as great as any in the field of fraud and warned of far-reaching consequences in possible corruption of Government officials.

Another Field Stressed.

Turning to another field, the judge declared that half of the incidence of male perversion could be obliterated by "leveling with Lafayette and Franklin Parks."

He said that while the District always has suffered a certain amount of prostitution there "never has been any organized white slavery as such and we've never had any Lucky Luciano in the District."

John F. MacDonald, Commerce Department employee, heads the grand jury of 23 members.

Featured Reading Inside Today's Star

DETROIT SLOW-DOWN—Unemployment growing from automobile production cut-backs becomes a major problem in Detroit. The Star's labor reporter, James V. Newton, looks into the plight of one family in another story on the Nation's employment situation on page A-2.

ONE-WAY STREETS?—Traffic doctors, fretting over Washington's growing traffic, are proposing one-way streets to traffic arteries. Staff Writer James G. Deane, explains the plan on page A-4.

COUNTERSPY—Herbert A. Philbrick, undercover man for the FBI in the continuing campaign against communism, comes face to face with the witness stand to help the Government bring its case. His problem is told on page A-3.

INCOME TAX WOES—Associated Press Staff Writer James Marlow unfolds more hints on ways to legally save money on filing Federal income tax returns. His story is on page A-17.